

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 3/12/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,7-24,26,27 and 30-47.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 3/31/2008
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 7/16/2008.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This office action is responsive to amendment filed on 3/12/2008.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Rhys W. Cheung on 7/16/2008 and 7/21/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In the specification (paragraph [0078], line 3, before "non-volatile"), please insert --- storage media (such as ---.
- In the specification (paragraph [0078], line 3, after "volatile media"), please insert --- ) ---.
- In the specification (paragraph [0079], line 1, before "a floppy"), please insert - -- storage media such as ---.
- In the specification (paragraph [0079], line 4, after "cartridge, "), please insert --- transmission media such as ---.
- In claim 1, line 14, please insert before "." --- , and wherein the step of connecting said second set of one or more clients comprises the steps of: connecting each client of said second set of one or more clients at a different

- time; and initiating the step of connecting each client based on a timeout mechanism configured on each client ---.
- Cancel claim 29.
  - In claim 33, line 16, please insert before “.” --- , and wherein the step of connecting said second set of one or more clients comprises the steps of: connecting each client of said second set of one or more clients at a different time; and initiating the step of connecting each client based on a timeout mechanism configured on each client ---.
  - In claim 34, line 15, please insert before “.” --- , and wherein the means of connecting said second set of one or more clients comprises: means for connecting each client of said second set of one or more clients at a different time; and means for initiating the step of connecting each client based on a timeout mechanism configured on each client ---.
  - In claim 35, line 19, please insert before “.” --- , and wherein the step of connecting said second set of one or more clients comprises the steps of: connecting each client of said second set of one or more clients at a different time; and initiating the step of connecting each client based on a timeout mechanism configured on each client ---.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-3, 7-24, 26, 27, and 30-47 are allowable based on applicant's

Amendments/Remarks filed on 3/12/2008 and examiner's Amendment filed on 7/21/2008.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Lai whose telephone number is (571) 270-3236. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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